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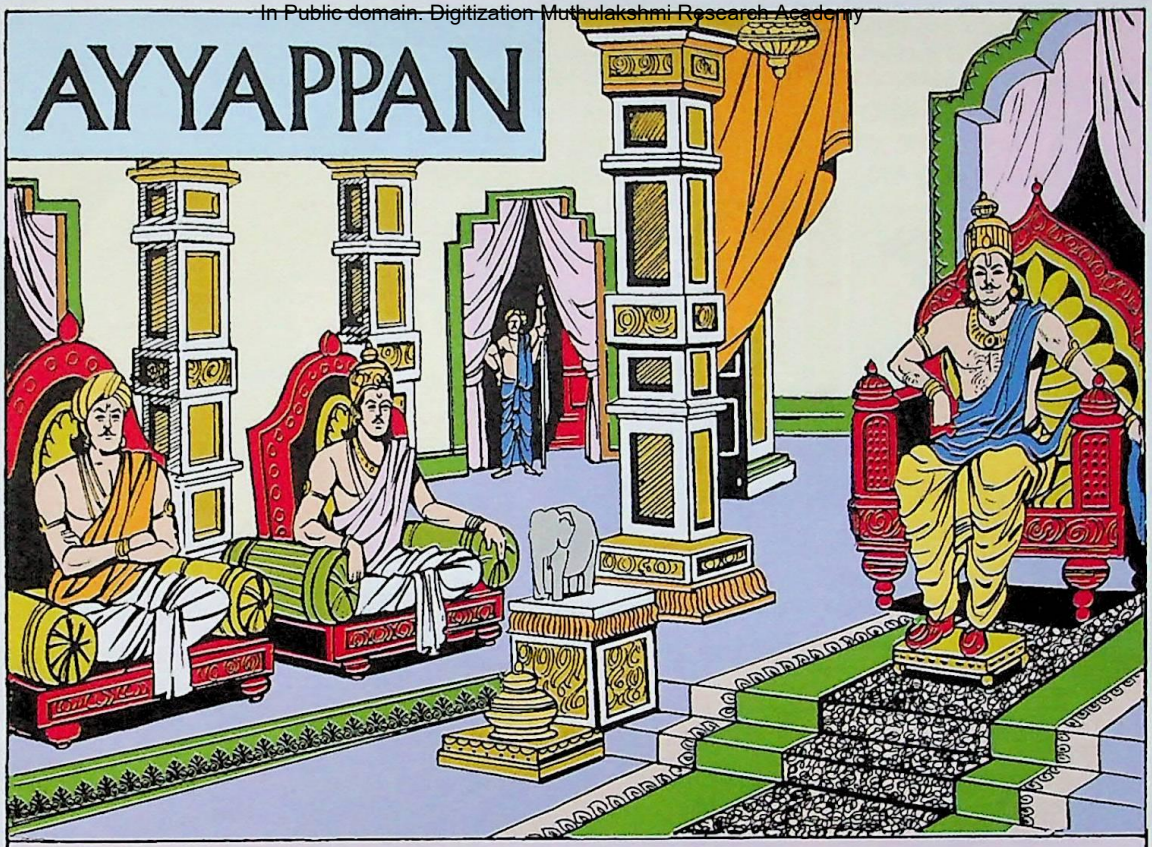
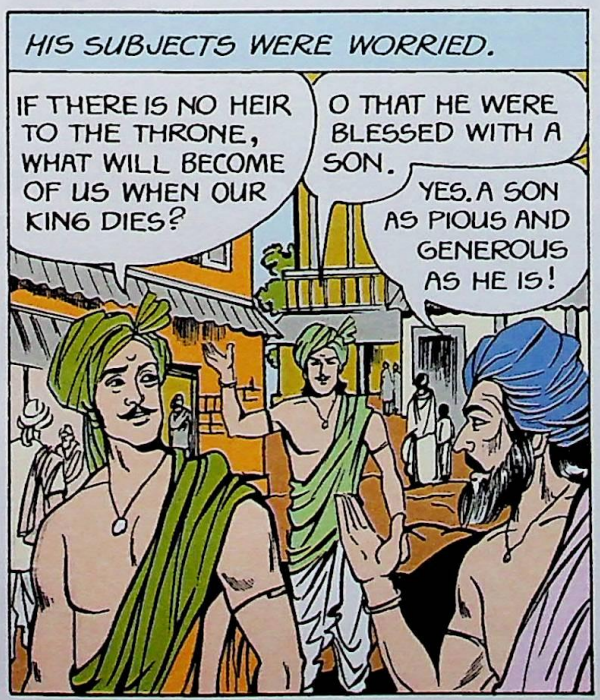
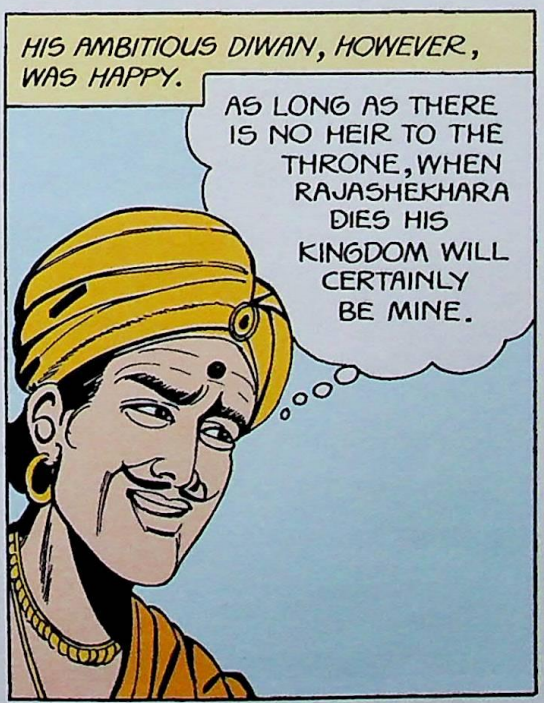


KING RAJASHEKHARA, THE WEALTHY RULER OF PANTHALAM, IN KERALA, HAD NO CHILDREN.





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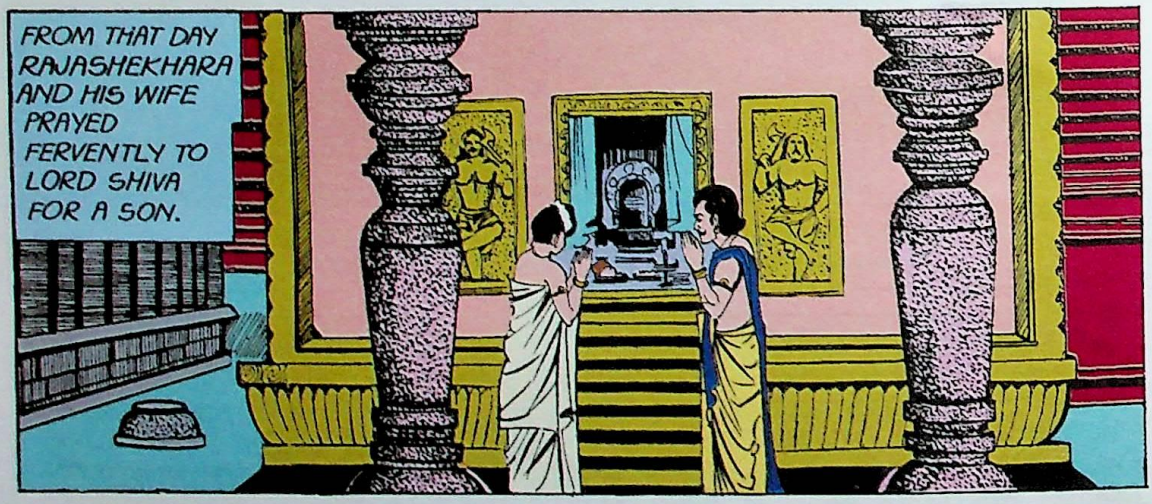

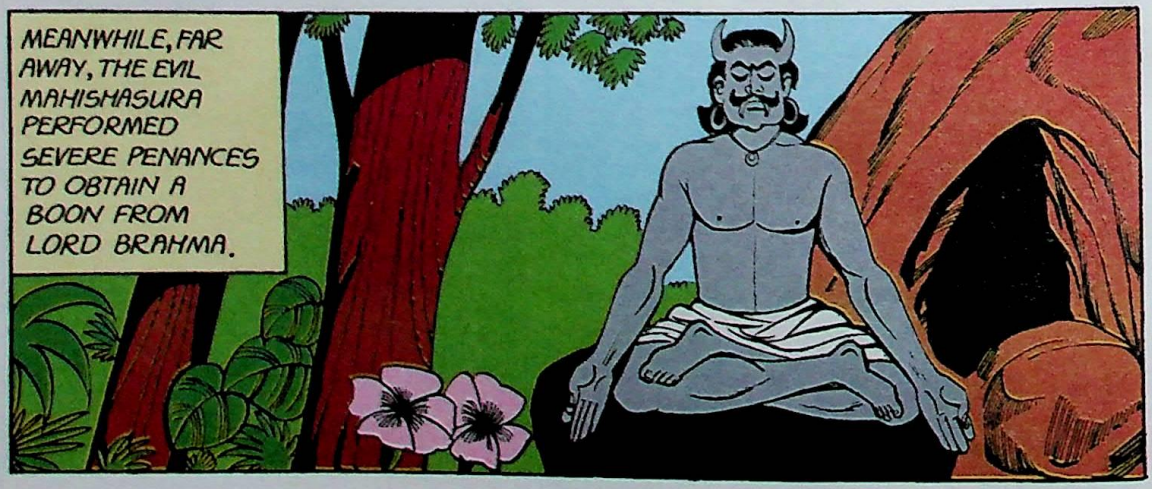

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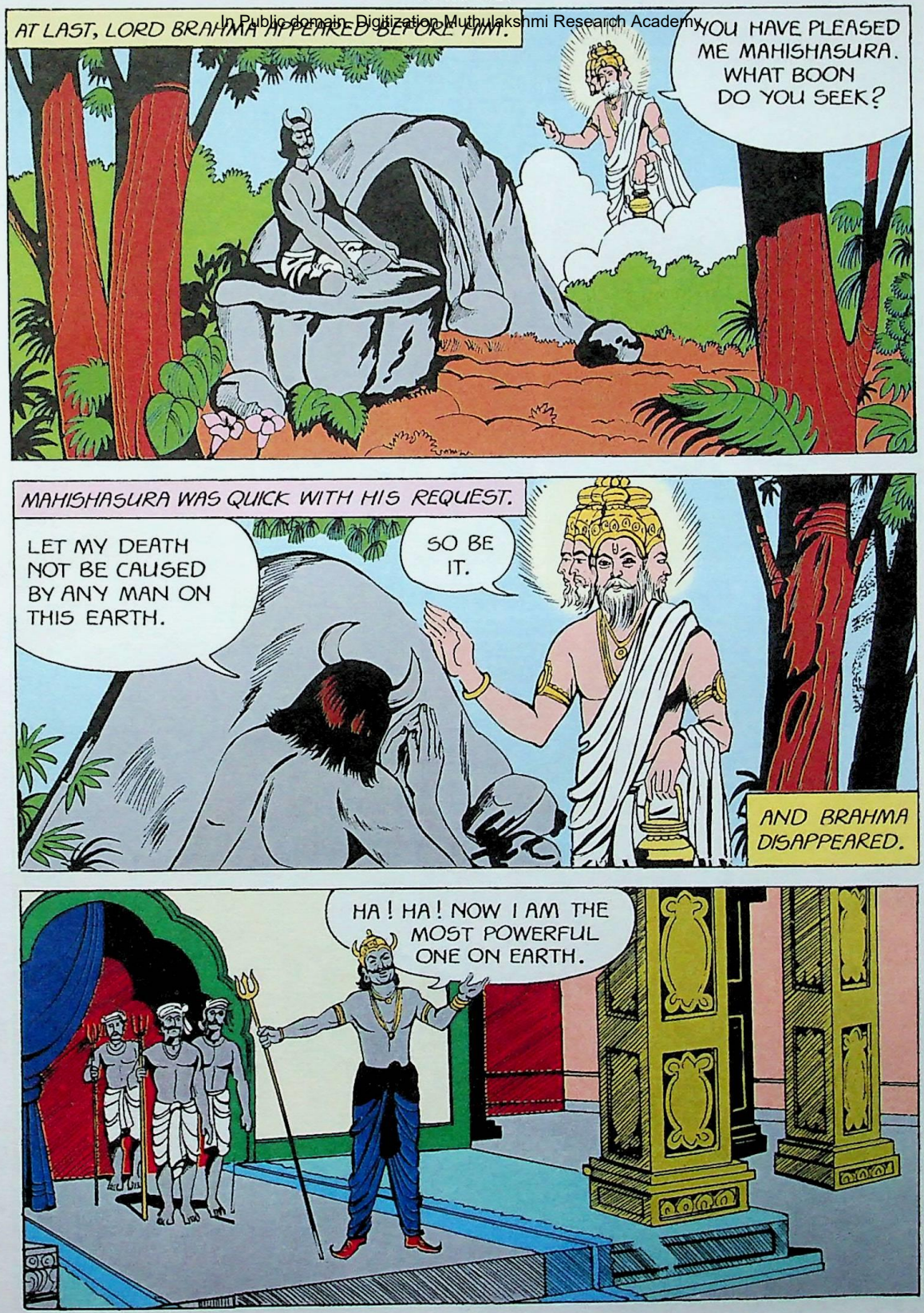

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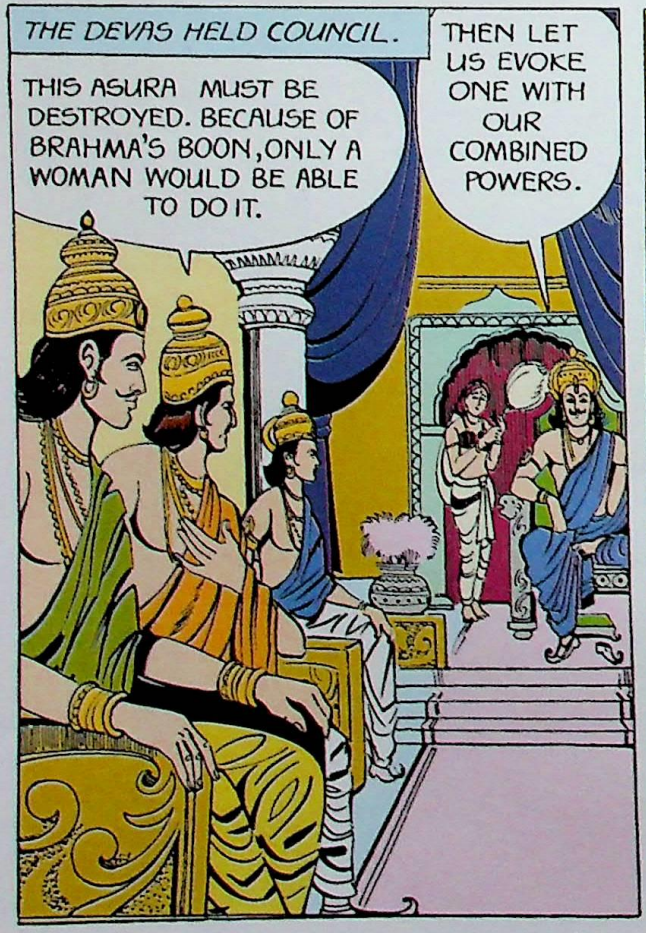
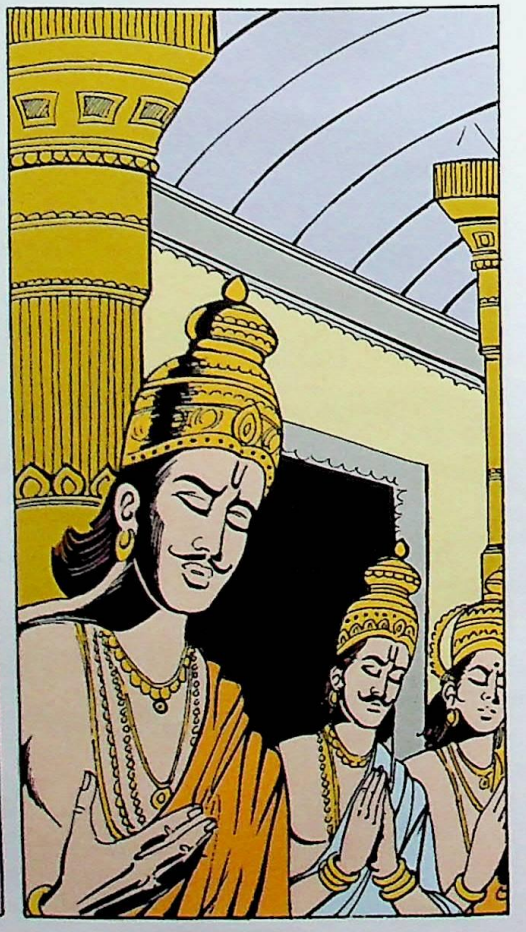
EMBOLDENED BY THE BOON, MAHISHASURA BEGAN HARASSING ALL ON EARTH.





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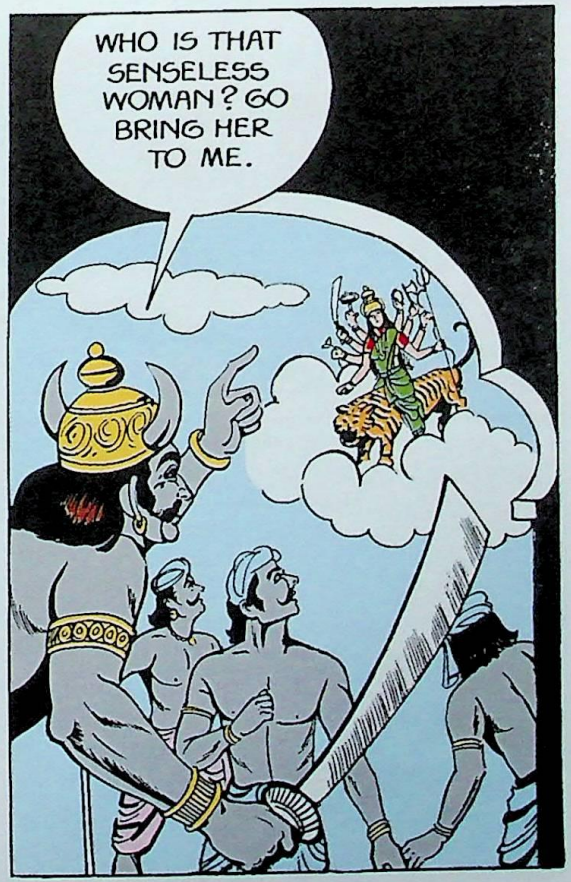

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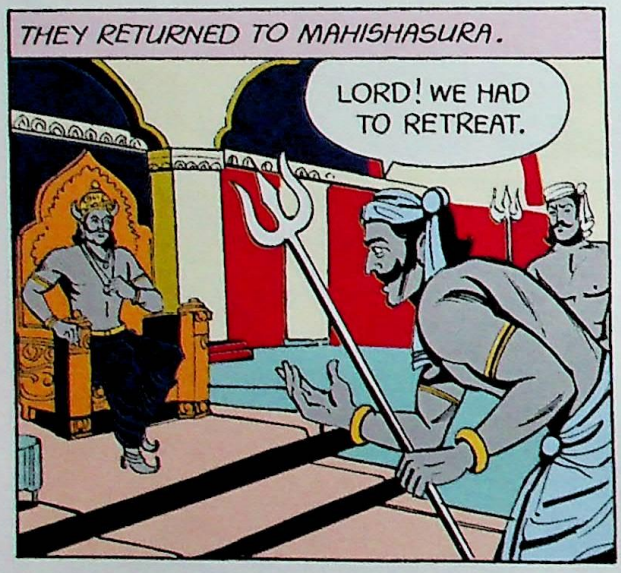

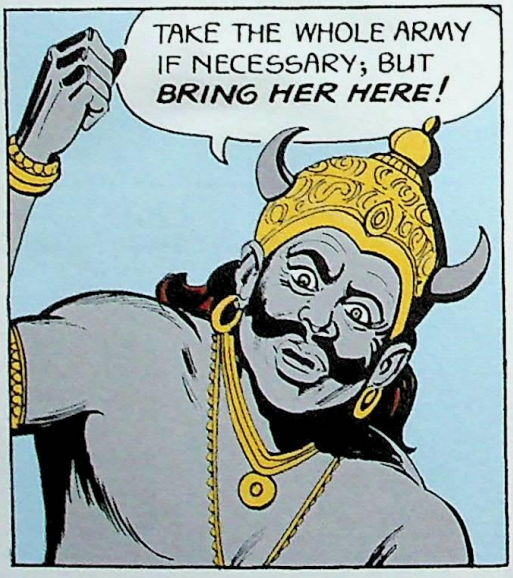

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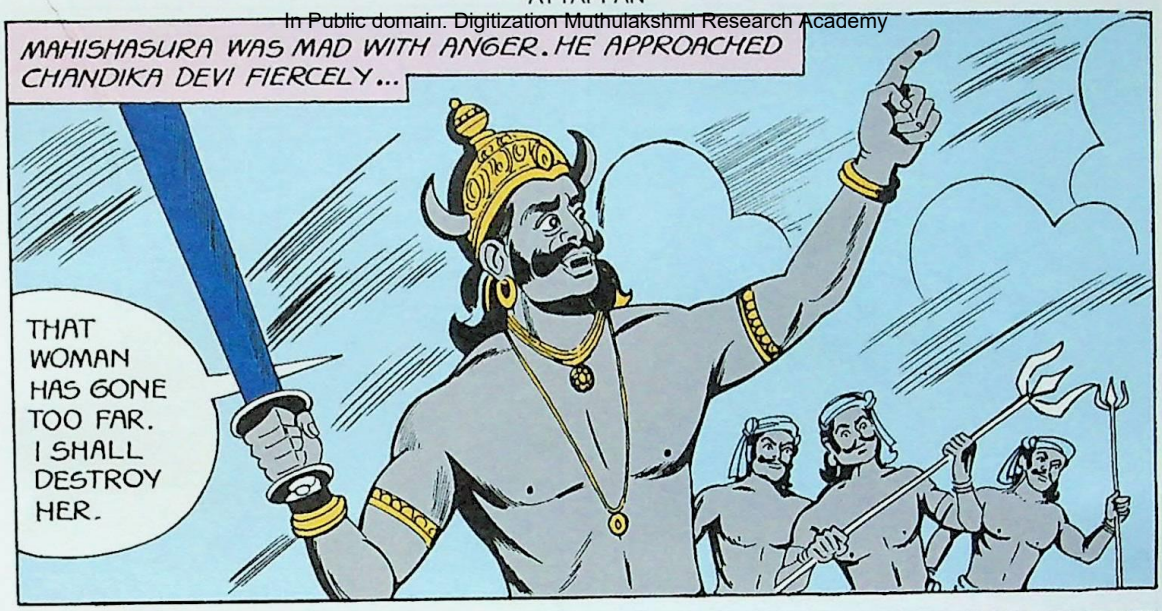

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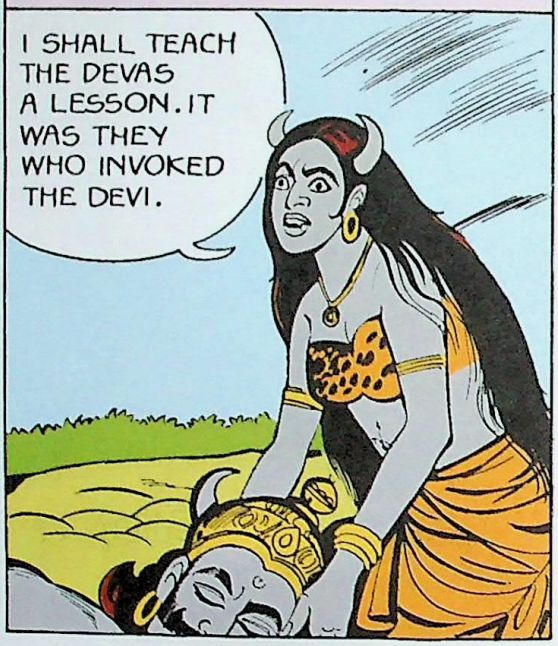
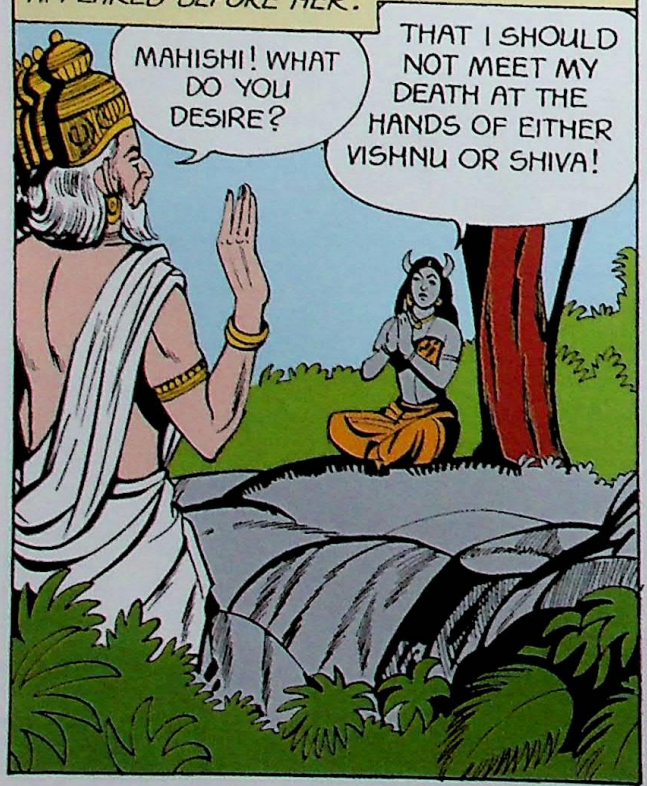
HER MISSION ACCOMPLISHED, CHANDIKA DEVI ASCENDED TO HEAVEN.

WHEN MAHISHI, THE WIFE OF MAHISHASURA, LEARNT OF HER HUSBAND'S DEATH–



MAHISHI UNDERTOOK A DEEP PENANCE TO PROPITIATE LORD BRAHMA. HE APPEARED BEFORE HER.



BRAHMA GRANTED HER THE BOON AND VANISHED.

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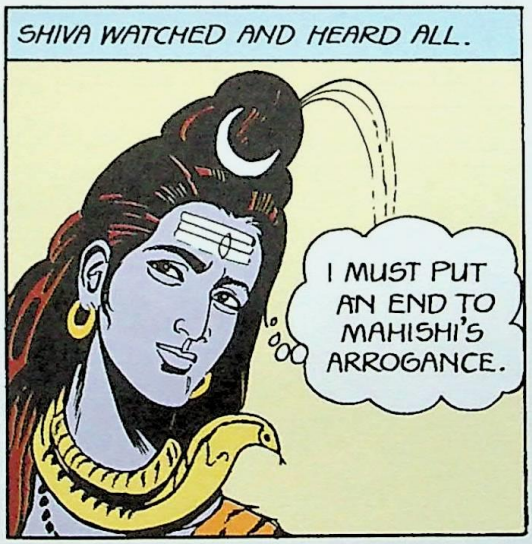

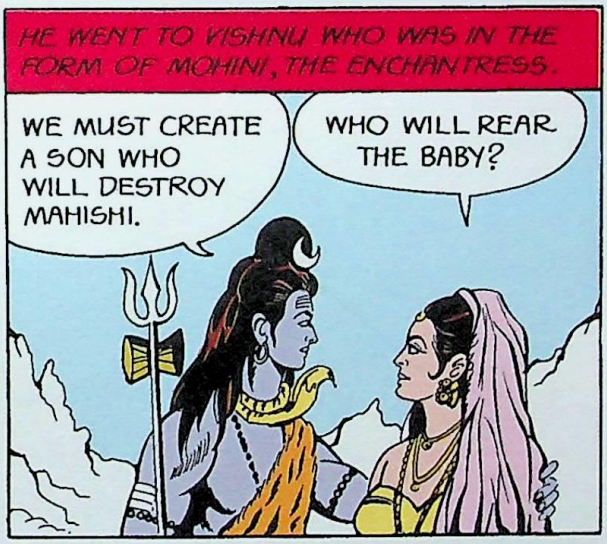

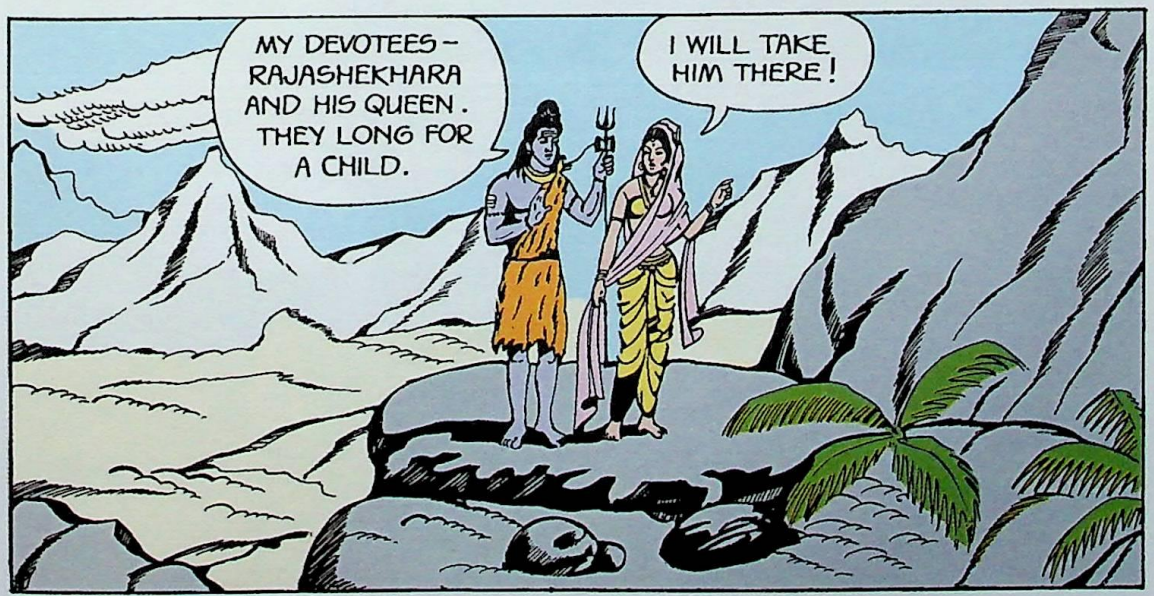

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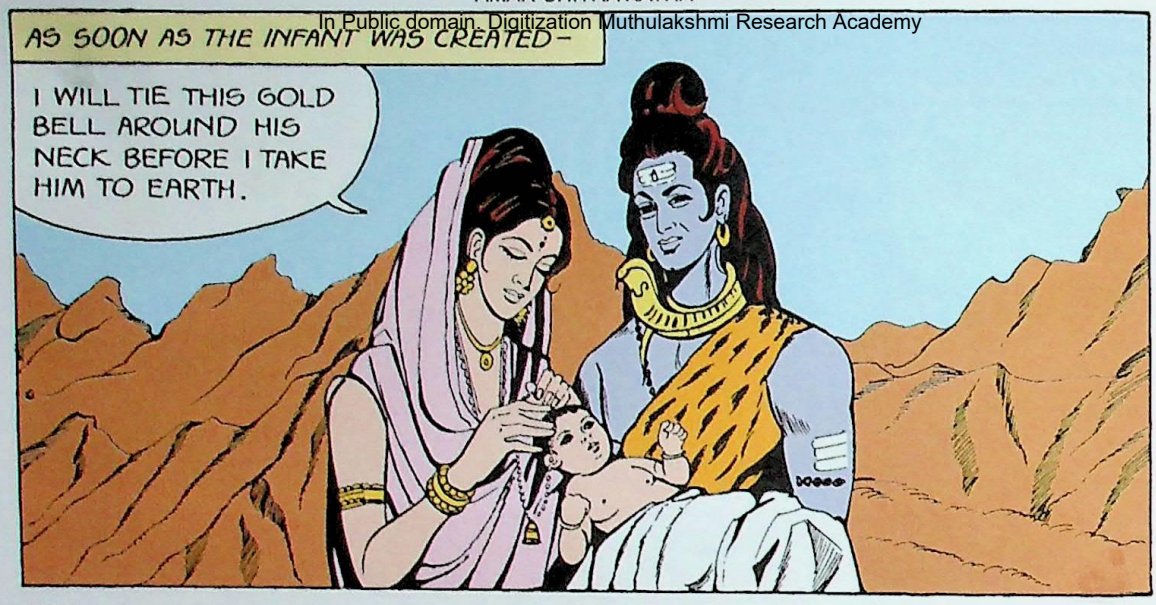

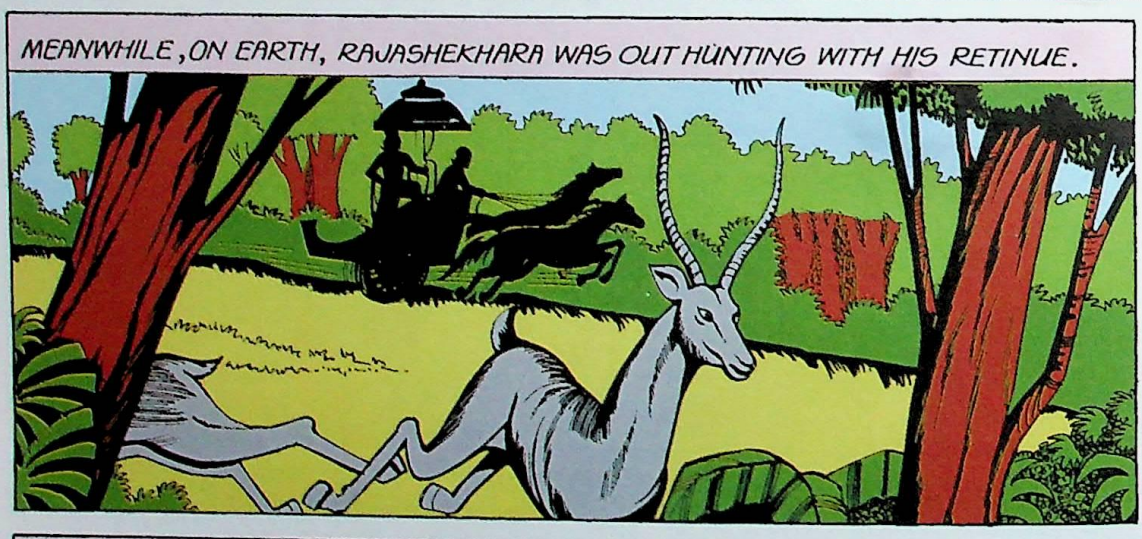

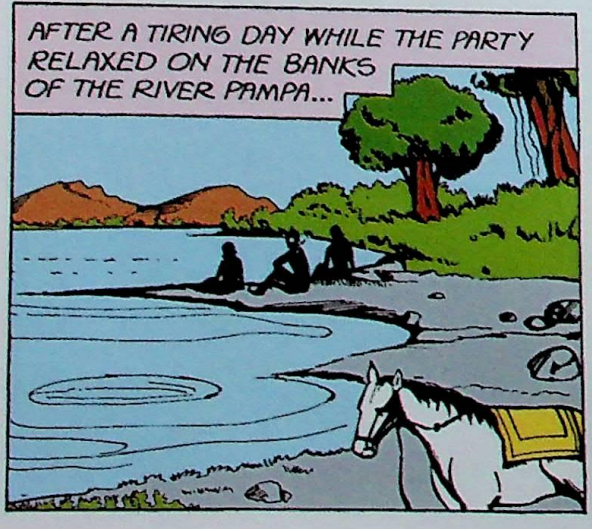

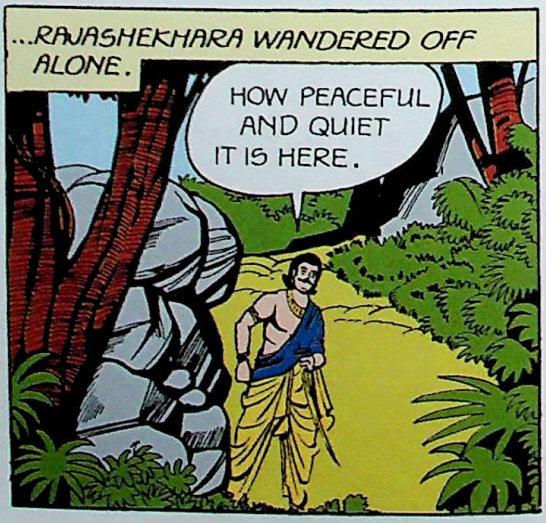

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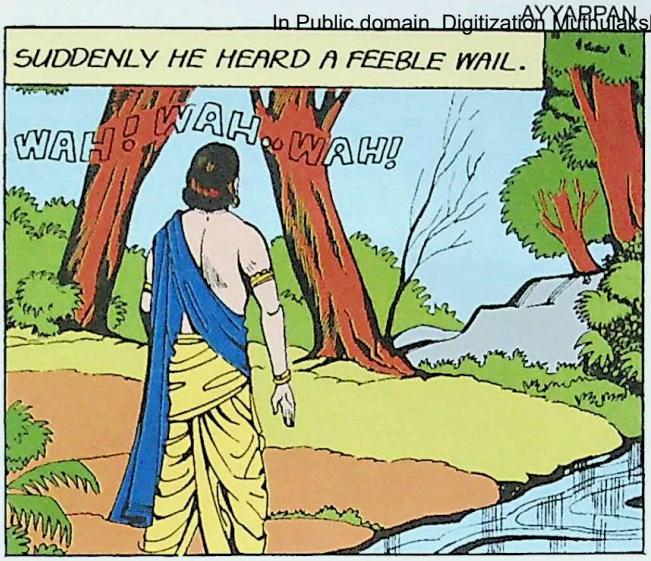

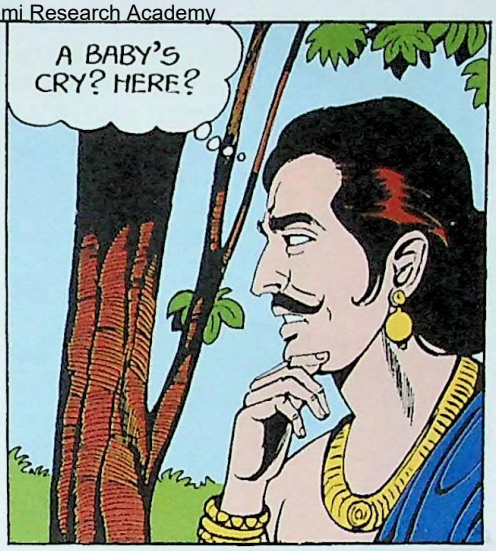

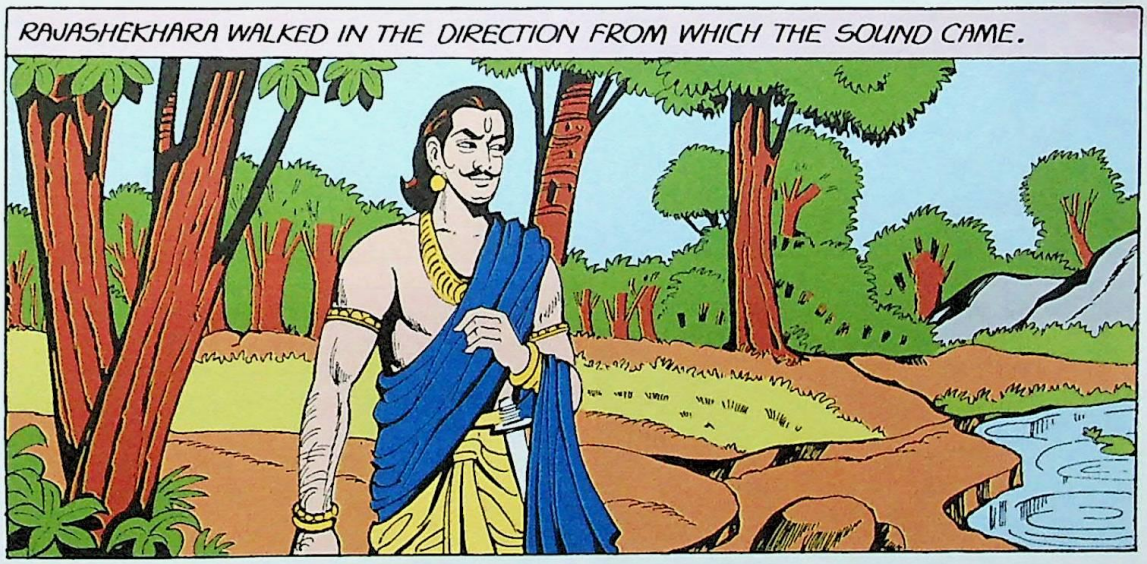

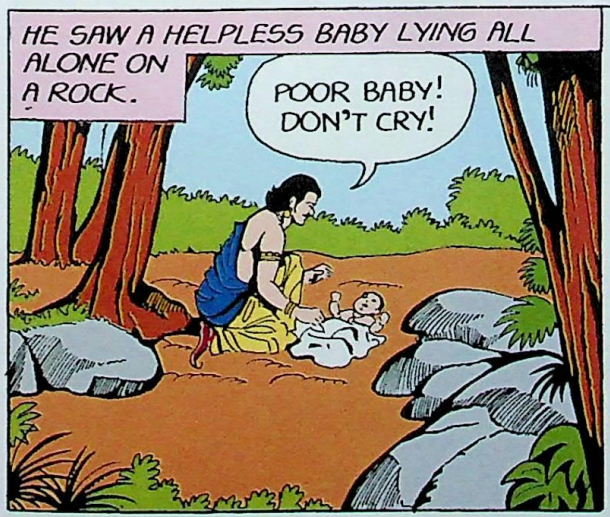

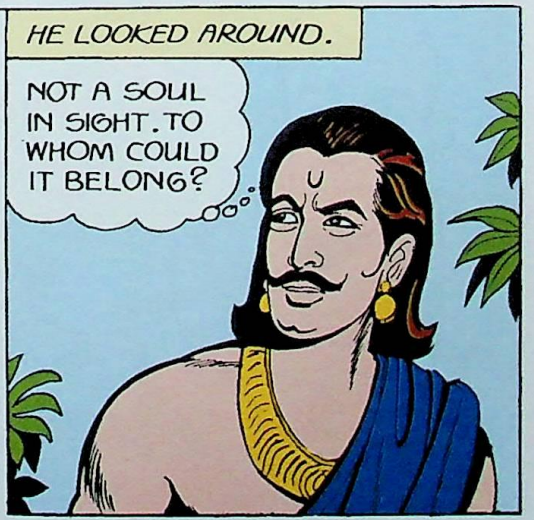

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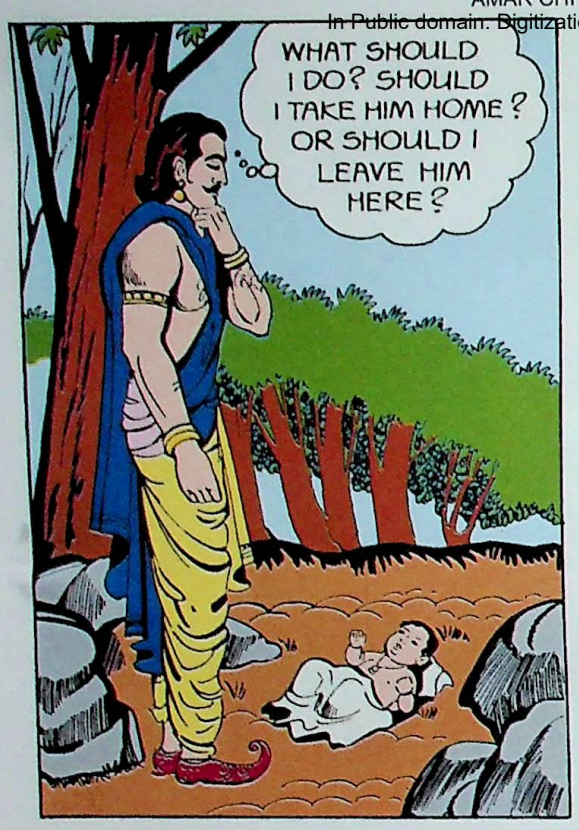

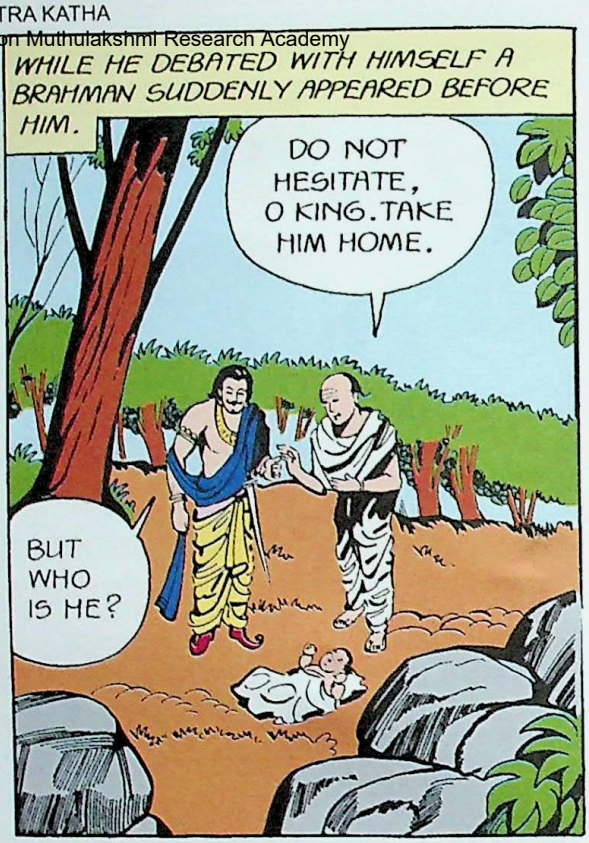

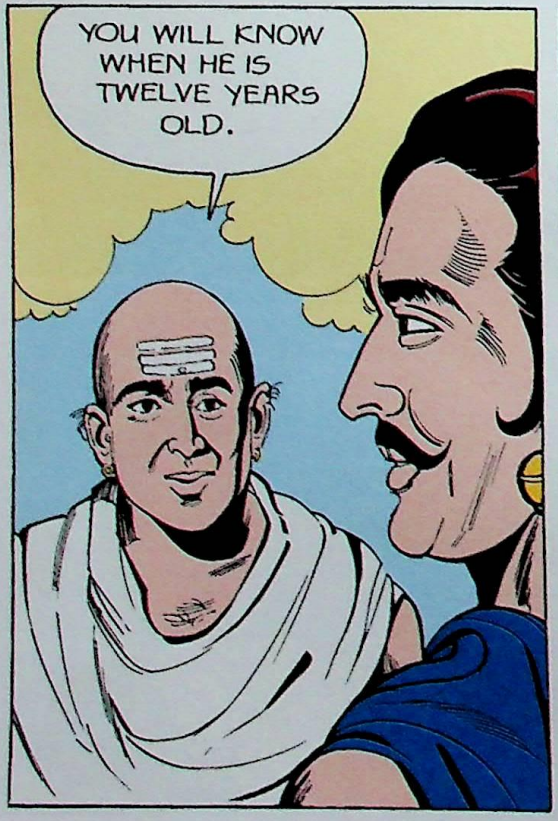

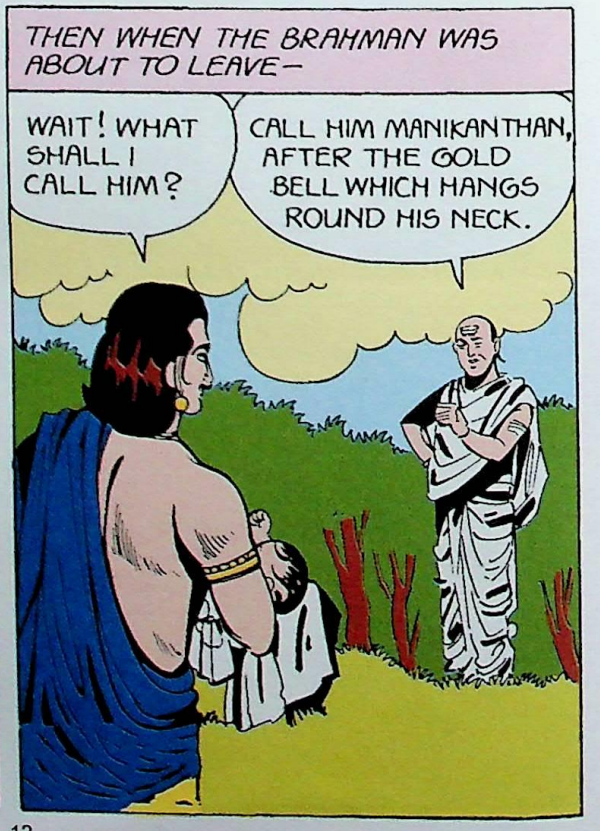

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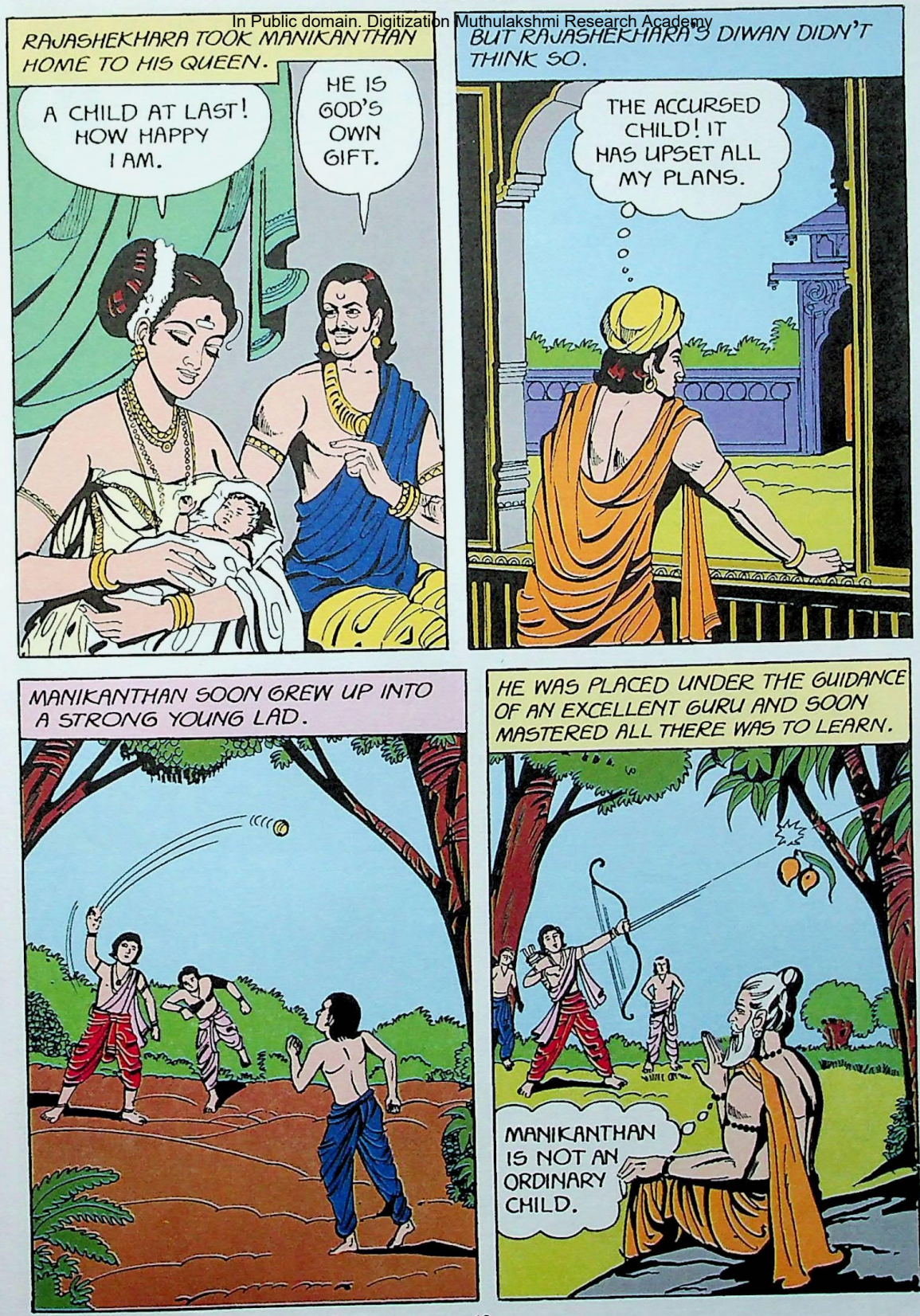

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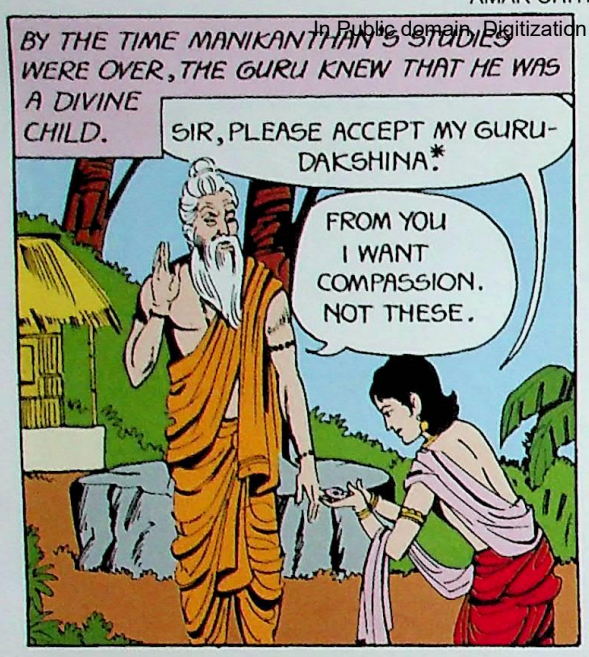

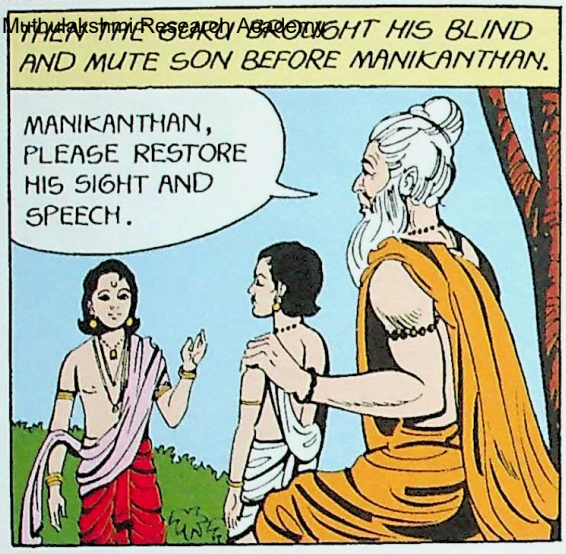

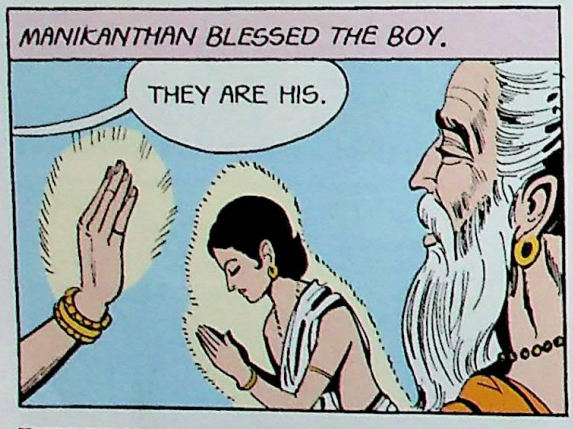

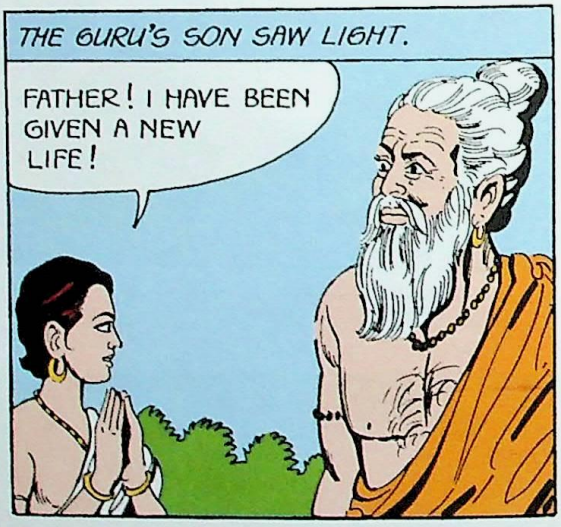

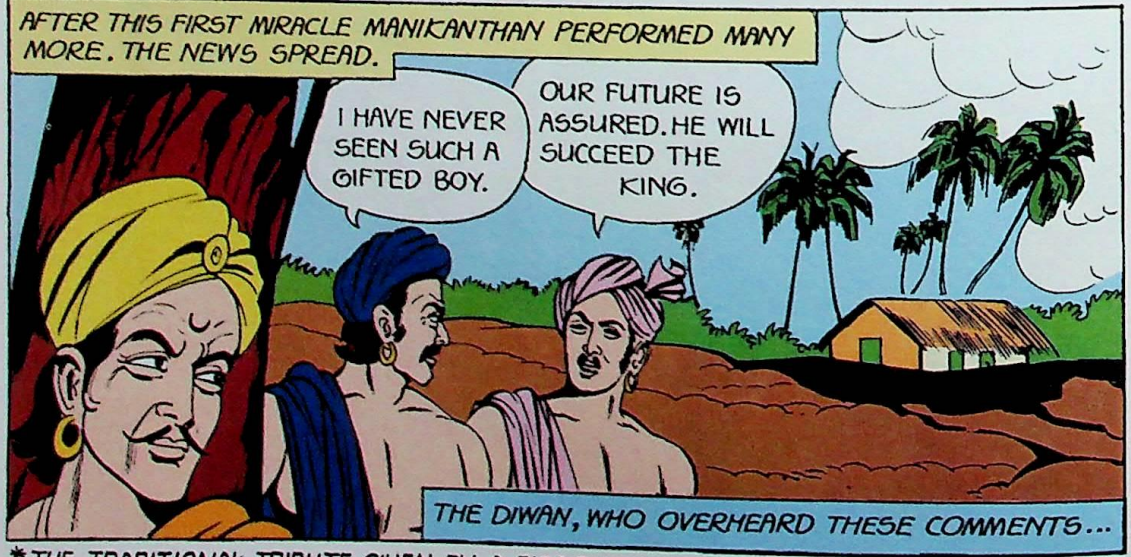

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...GOT REALLY WORRIED.

I MUST GET RID OF THE BOY SOME-HOW.

AND THEN THE UNFORESEEN HAPPENED. THE QUEEN GAVE BIRTH TO A SON.

ALAS! WHY WERE YOU NOT BORN EARLIER? NOW YOU WILL NEVER BECOME KING. UNLESS...

THE DIWAN WAS JUBILANT.

THE THRONE SHALL YET BE MINE!

A FEW DAYS LATER HE WENT TO THE QUEEN.

MANIKANTHAN WILL SOON BE TWELVE YEARS OLD. HE WILL THEN BE CROWNED HEIR APPARENT.

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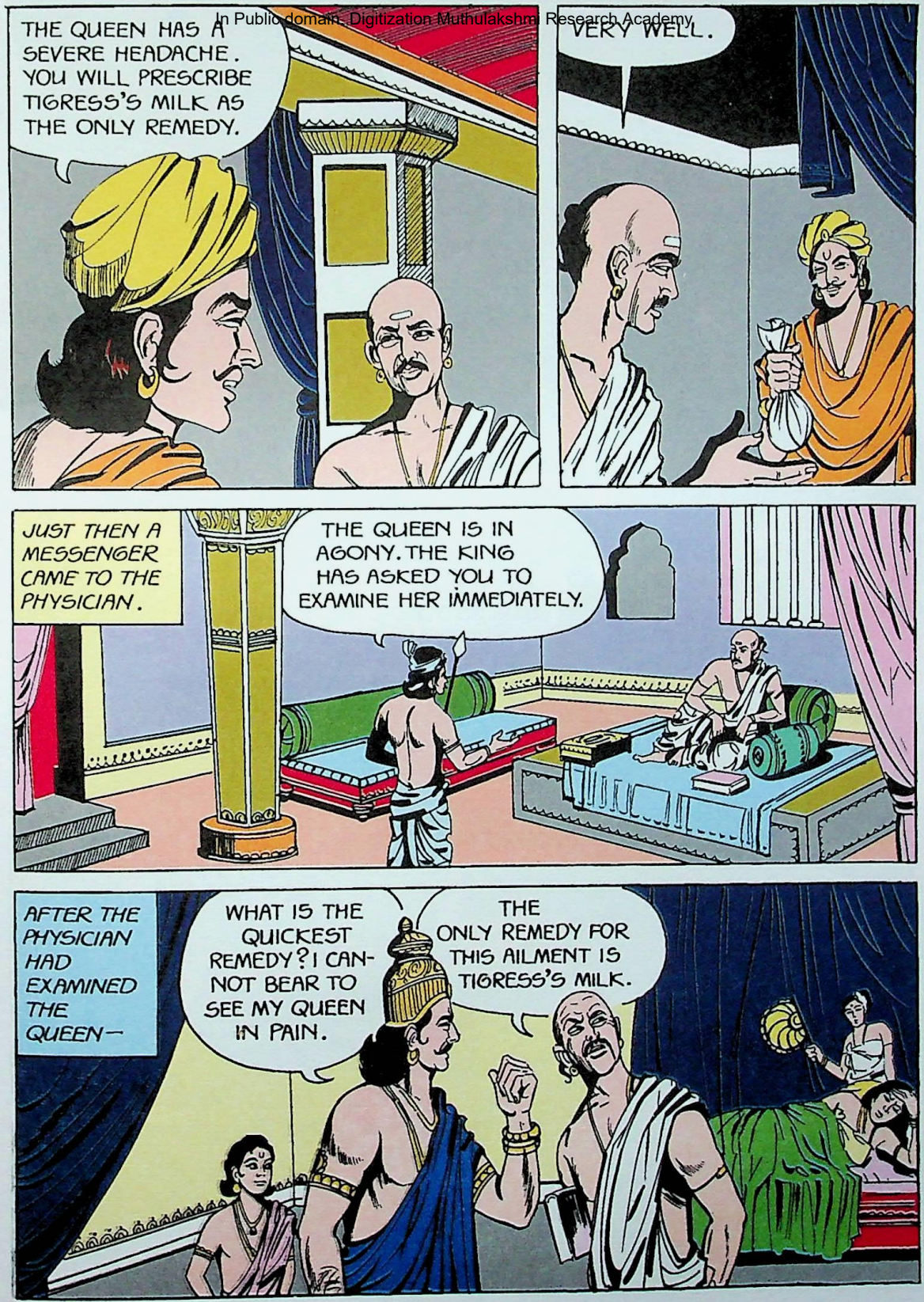

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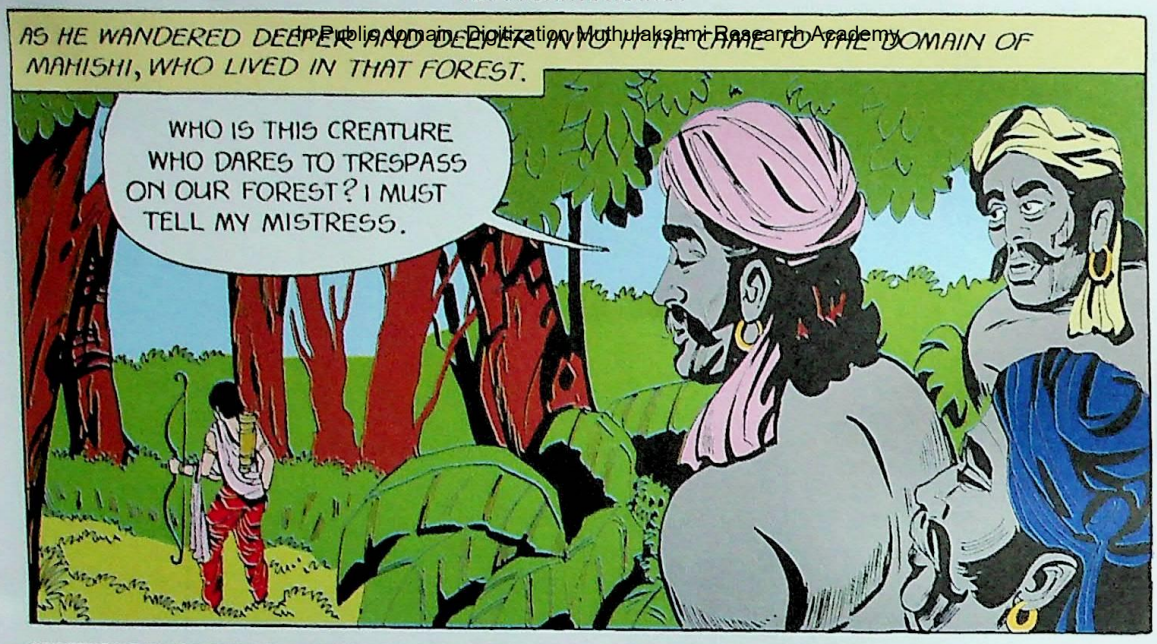

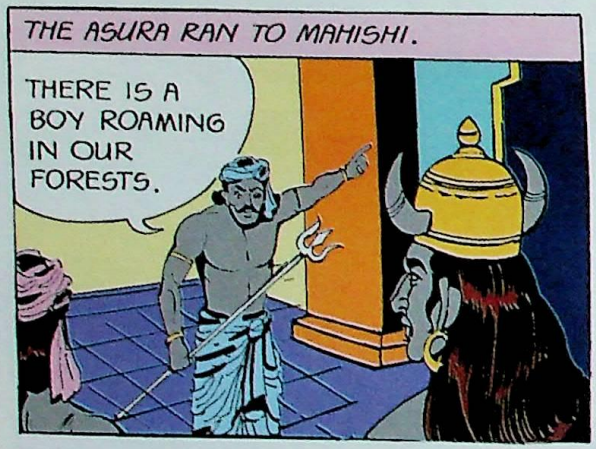

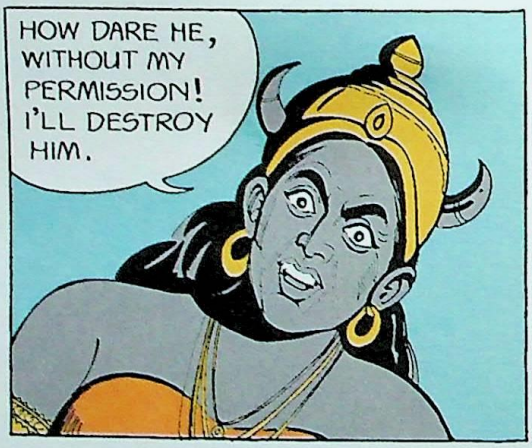

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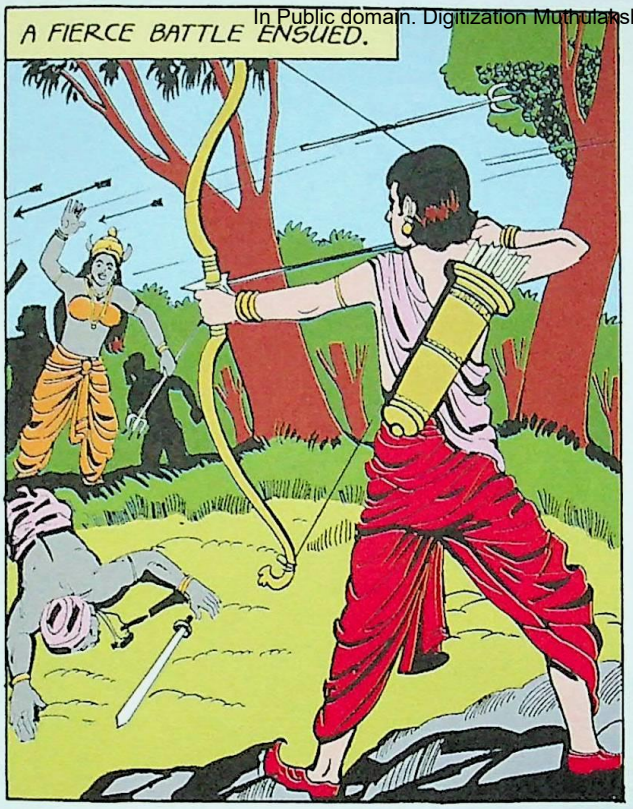

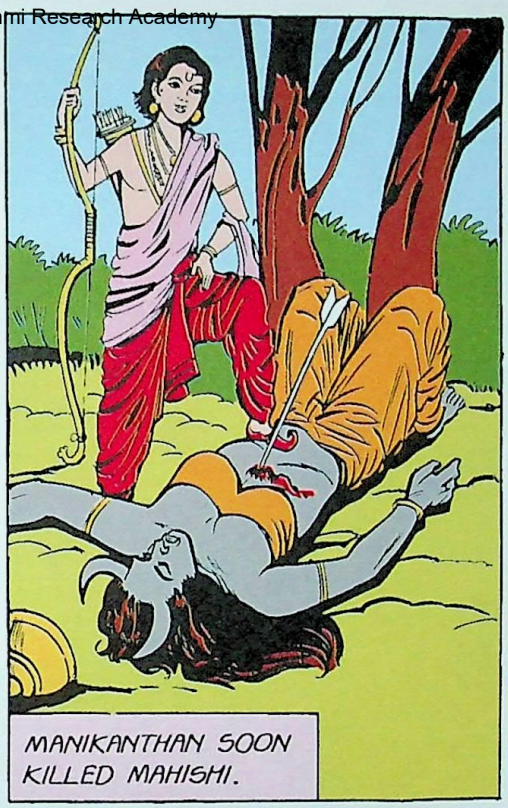

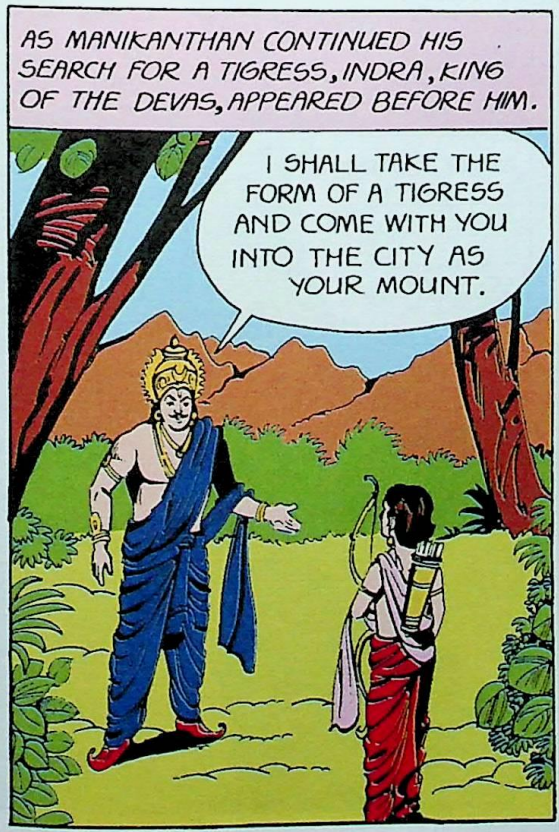

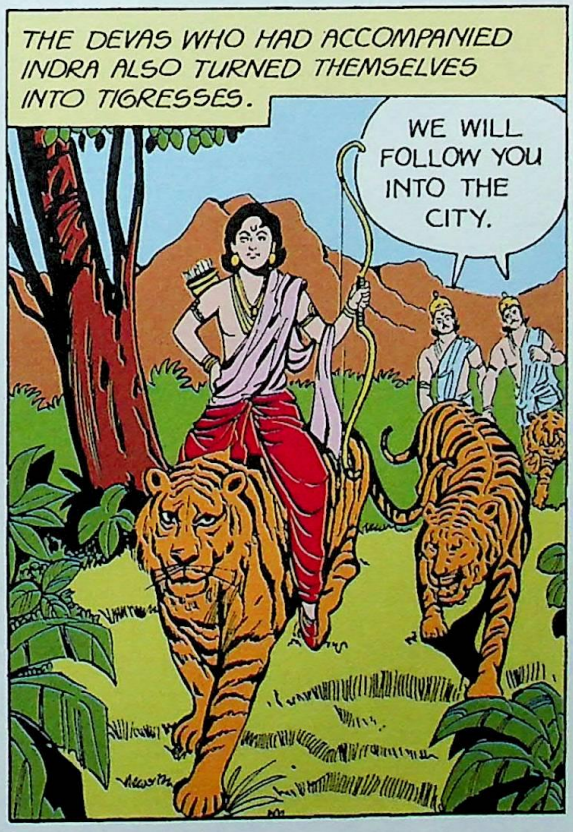

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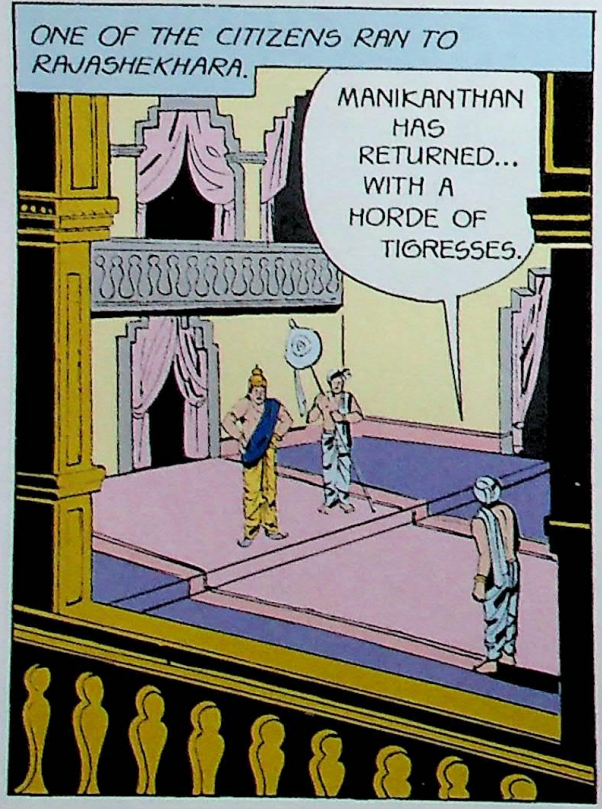

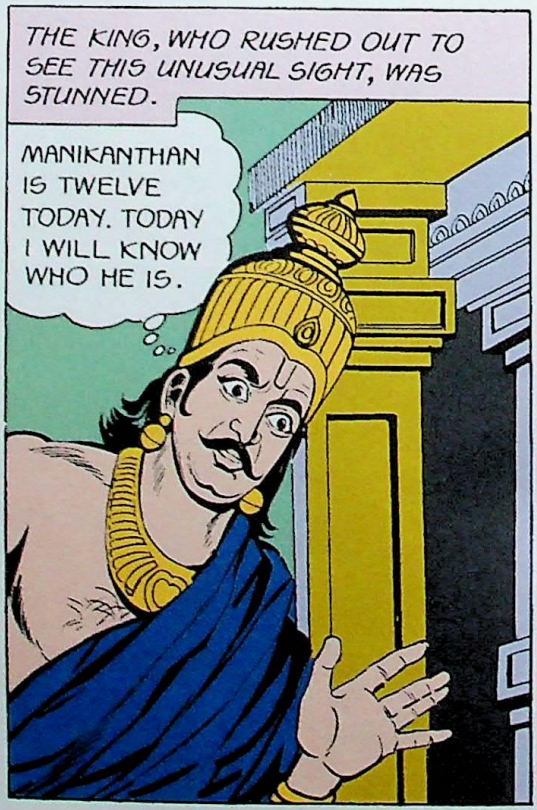

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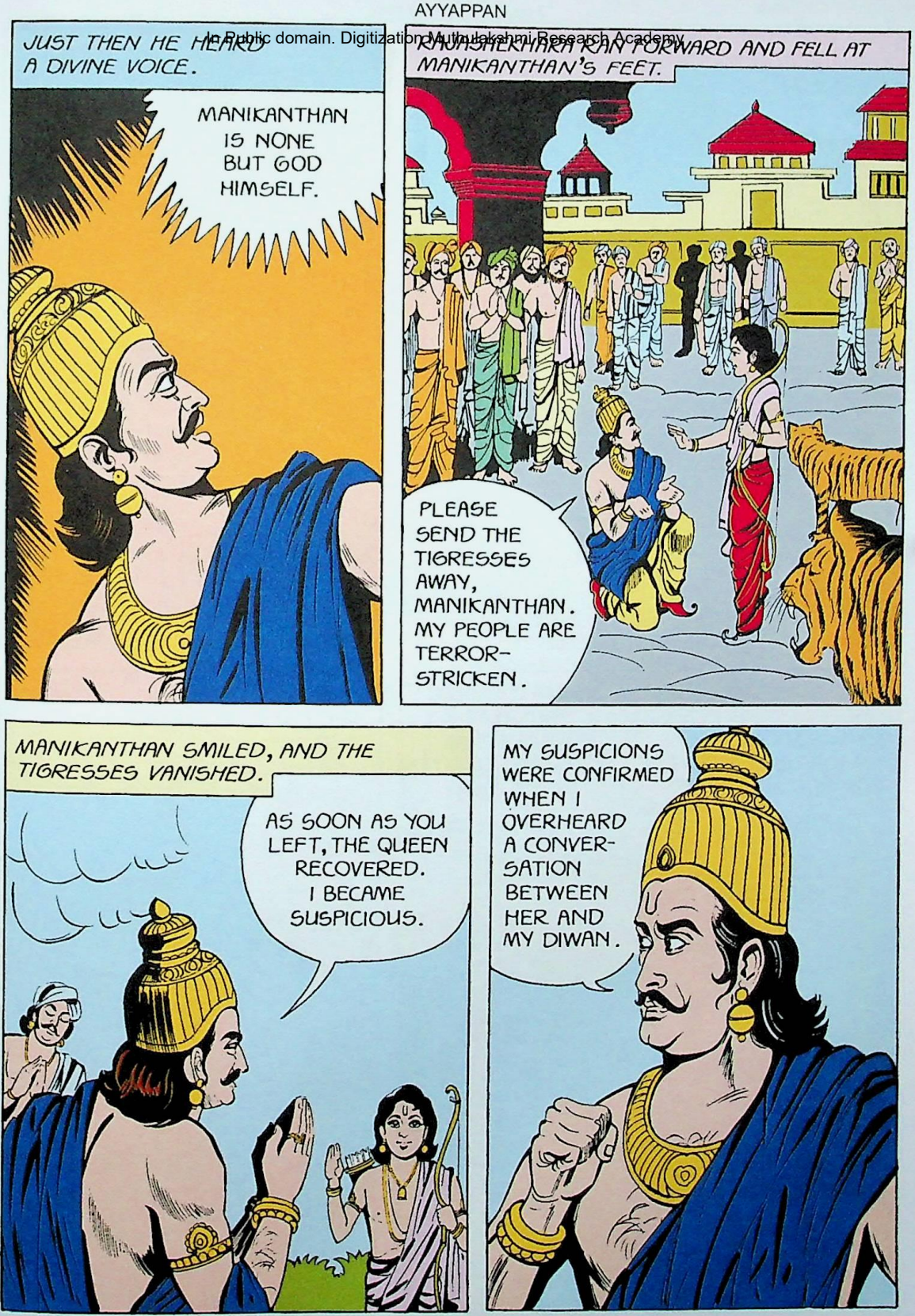

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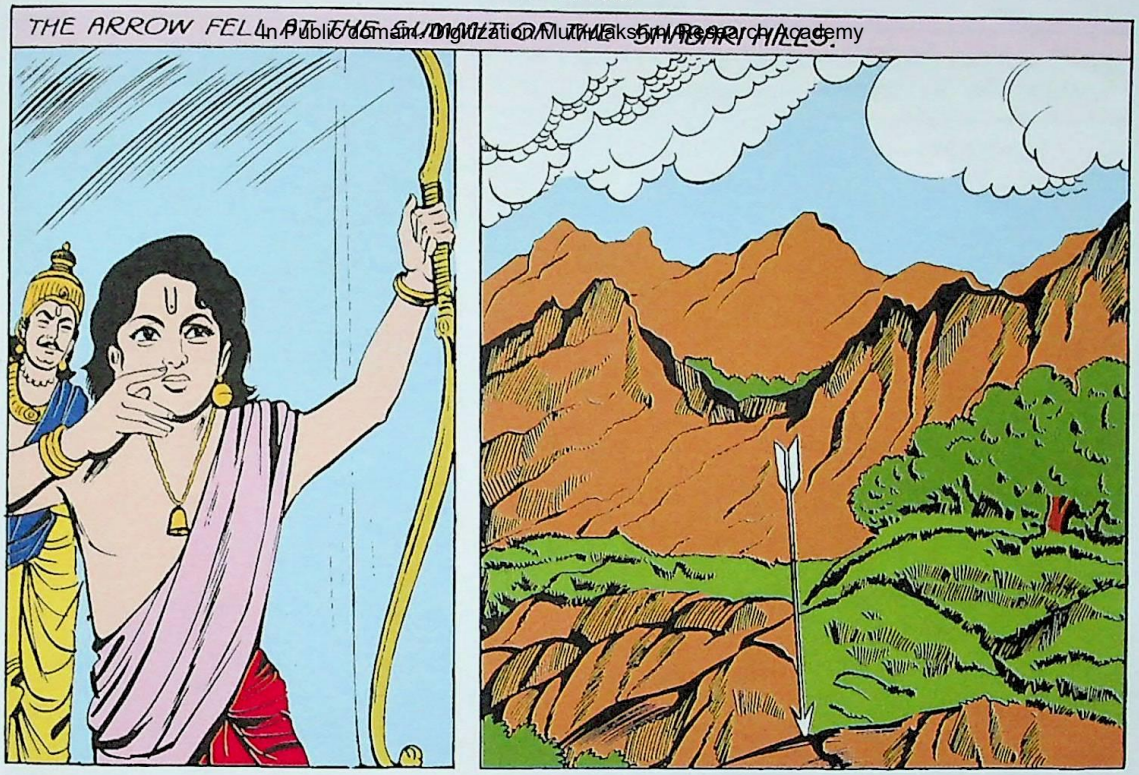

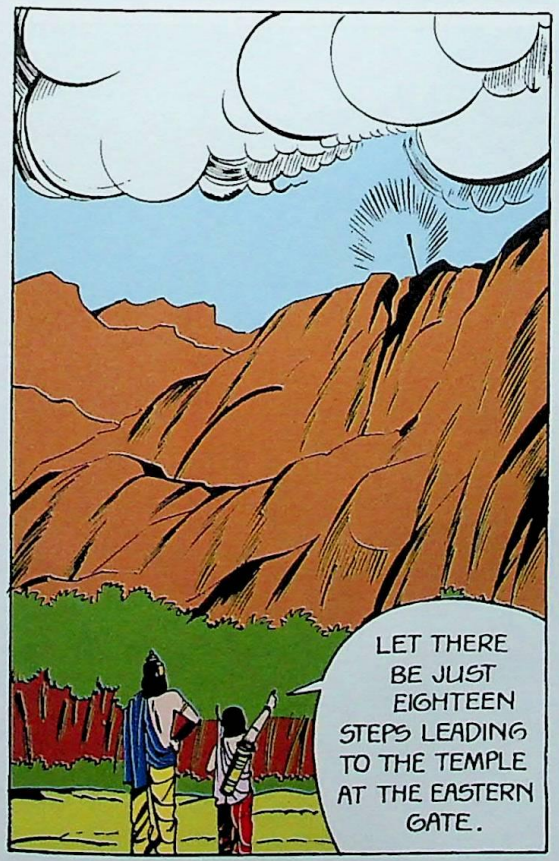

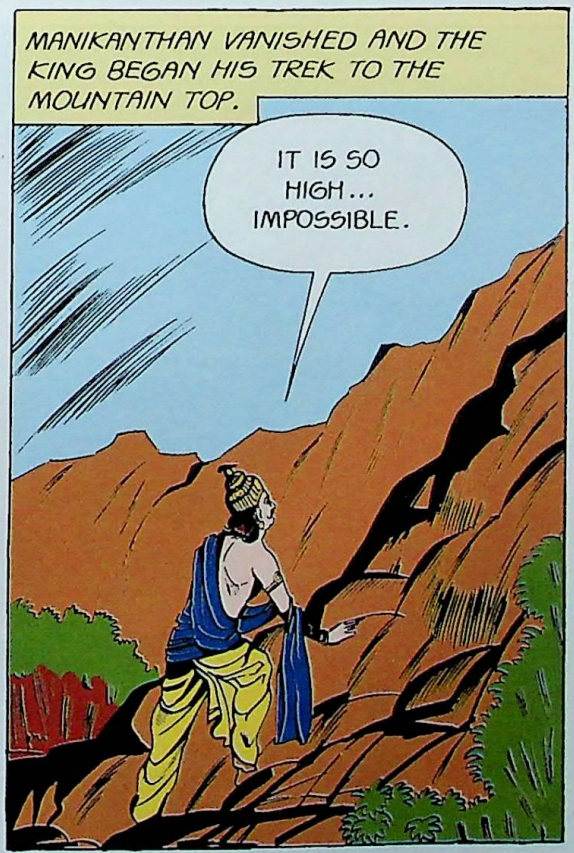

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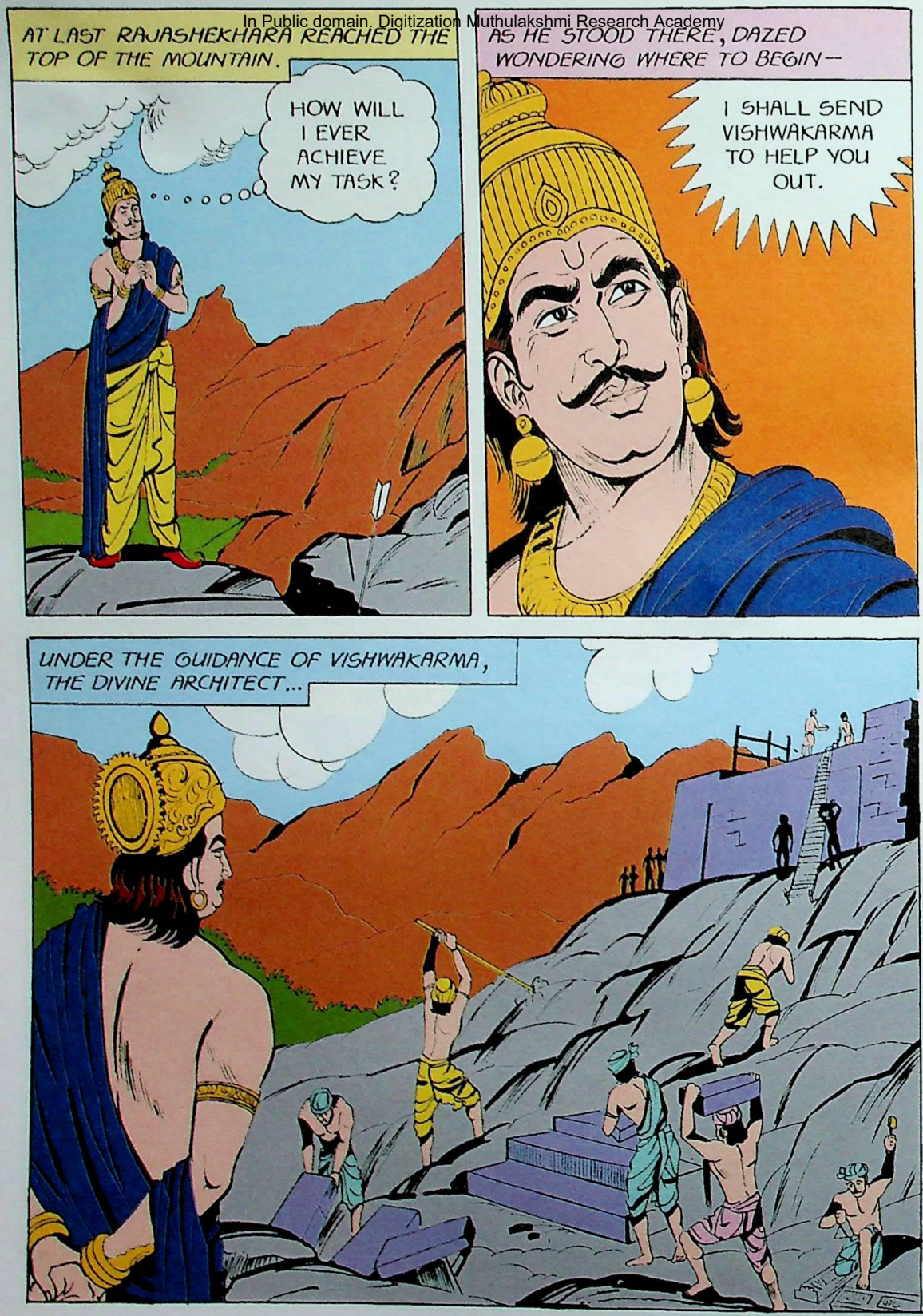

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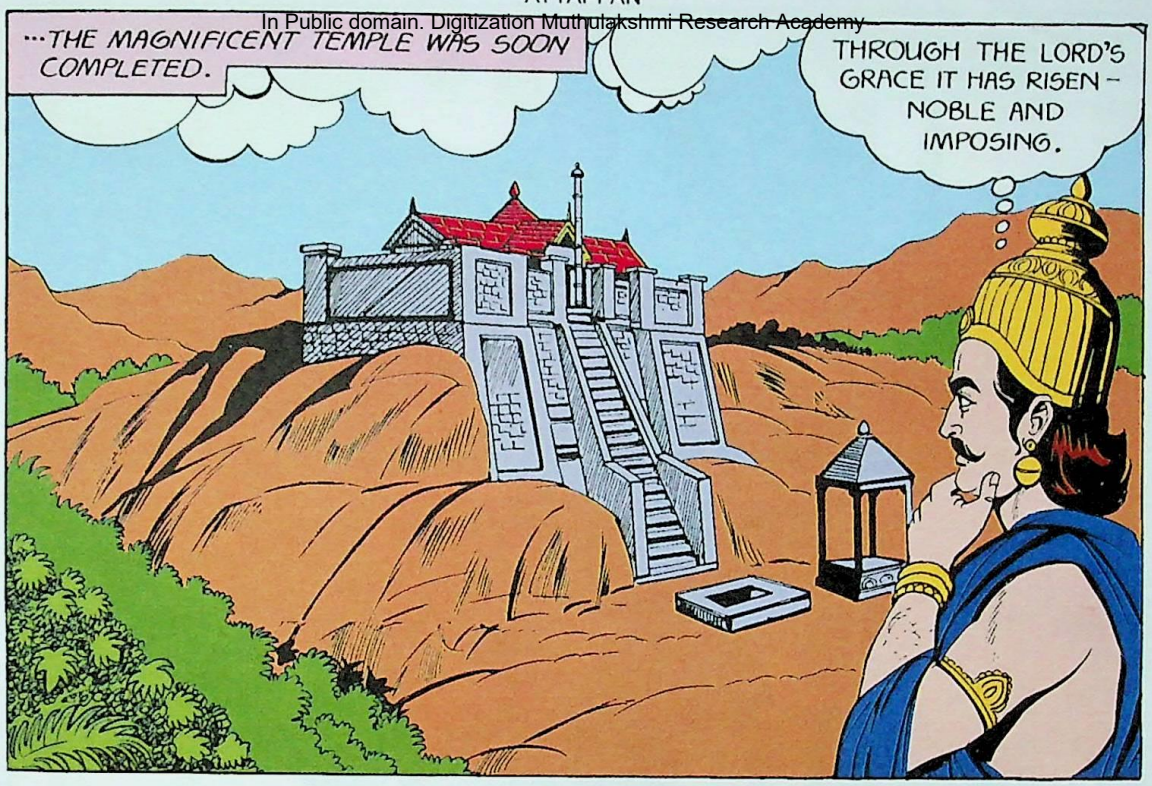

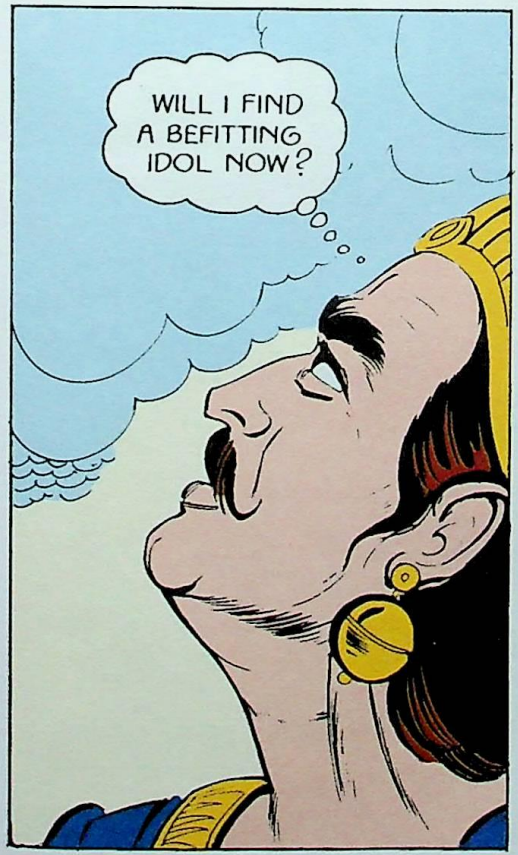

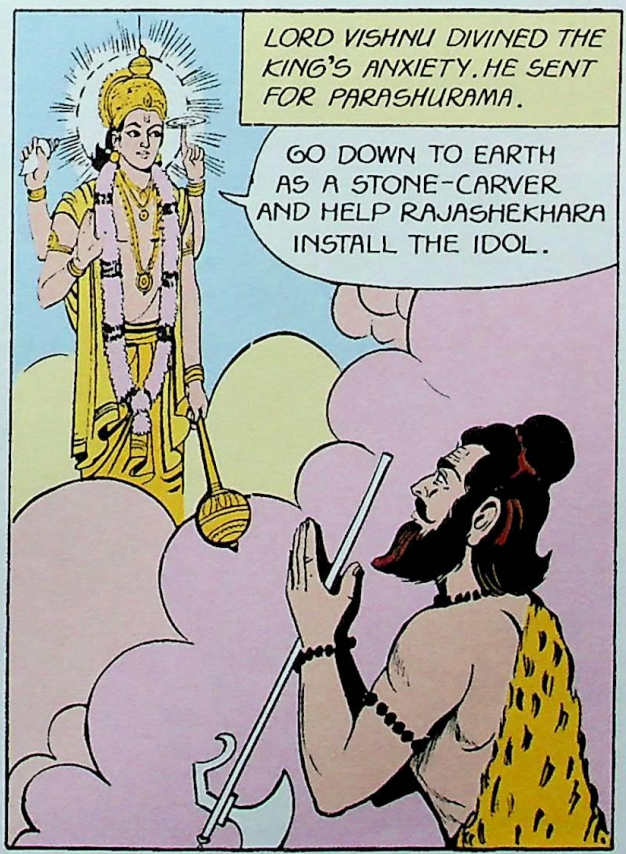

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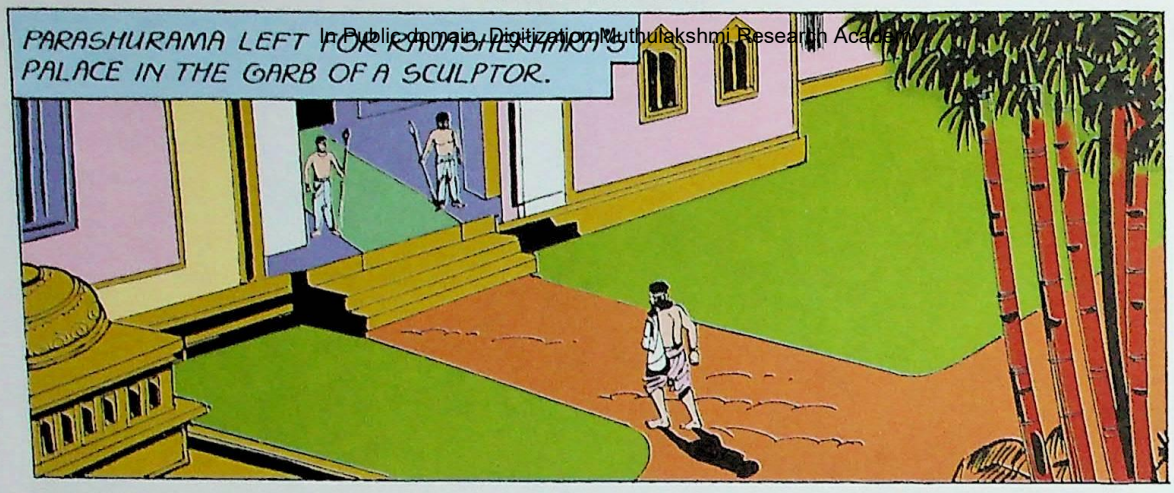

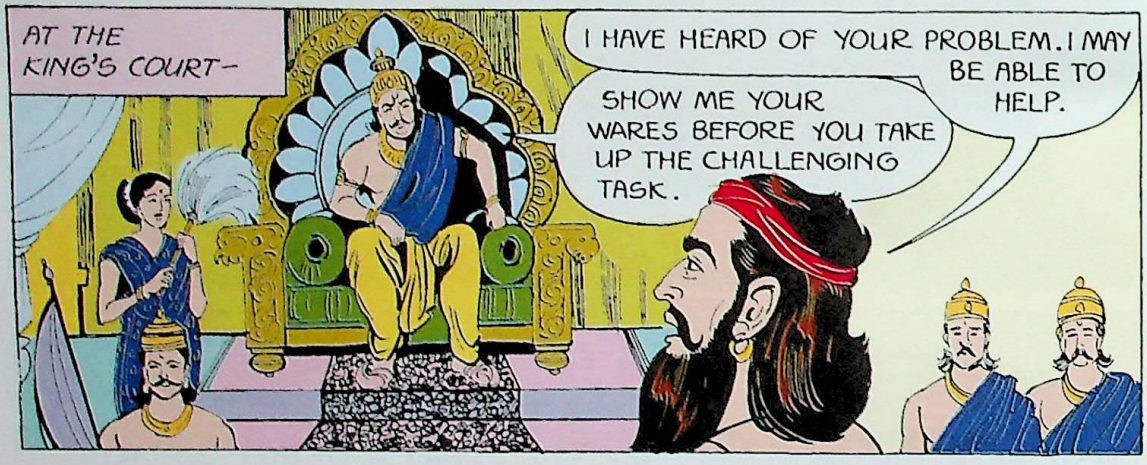

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I AM CLEANSED. THE HOLY MOTHER HAS BEEN MERCIFUL.

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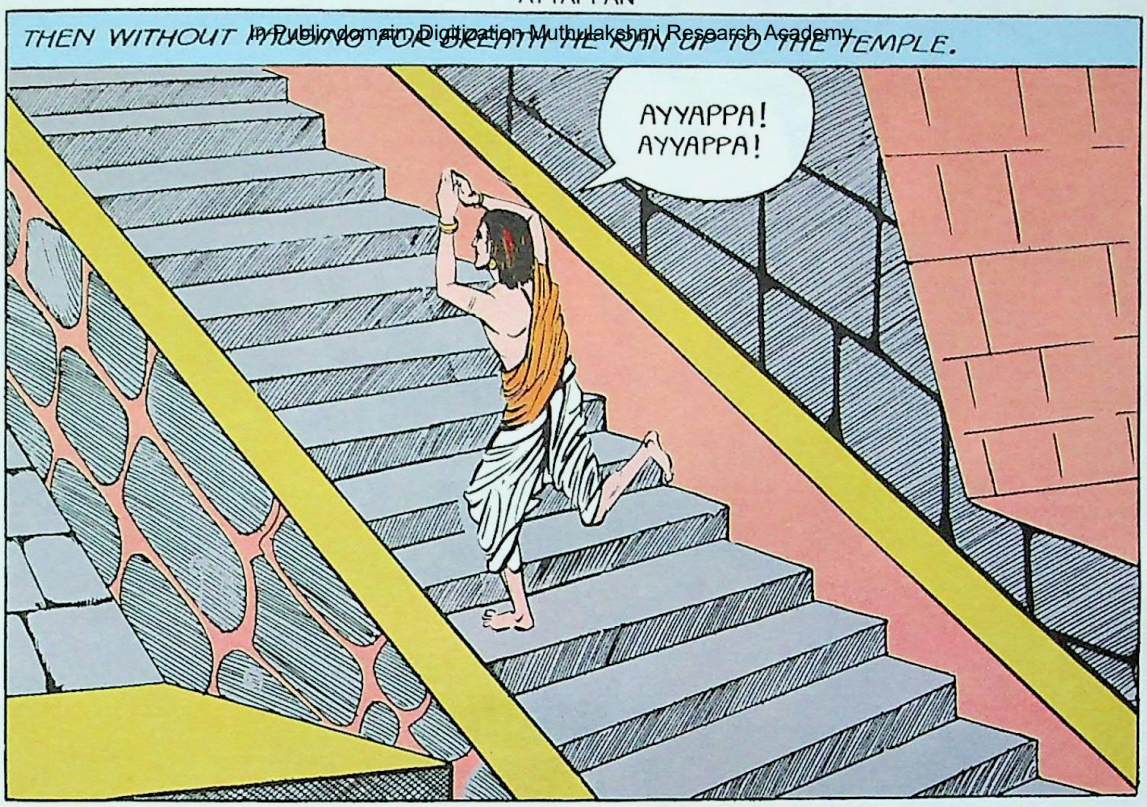

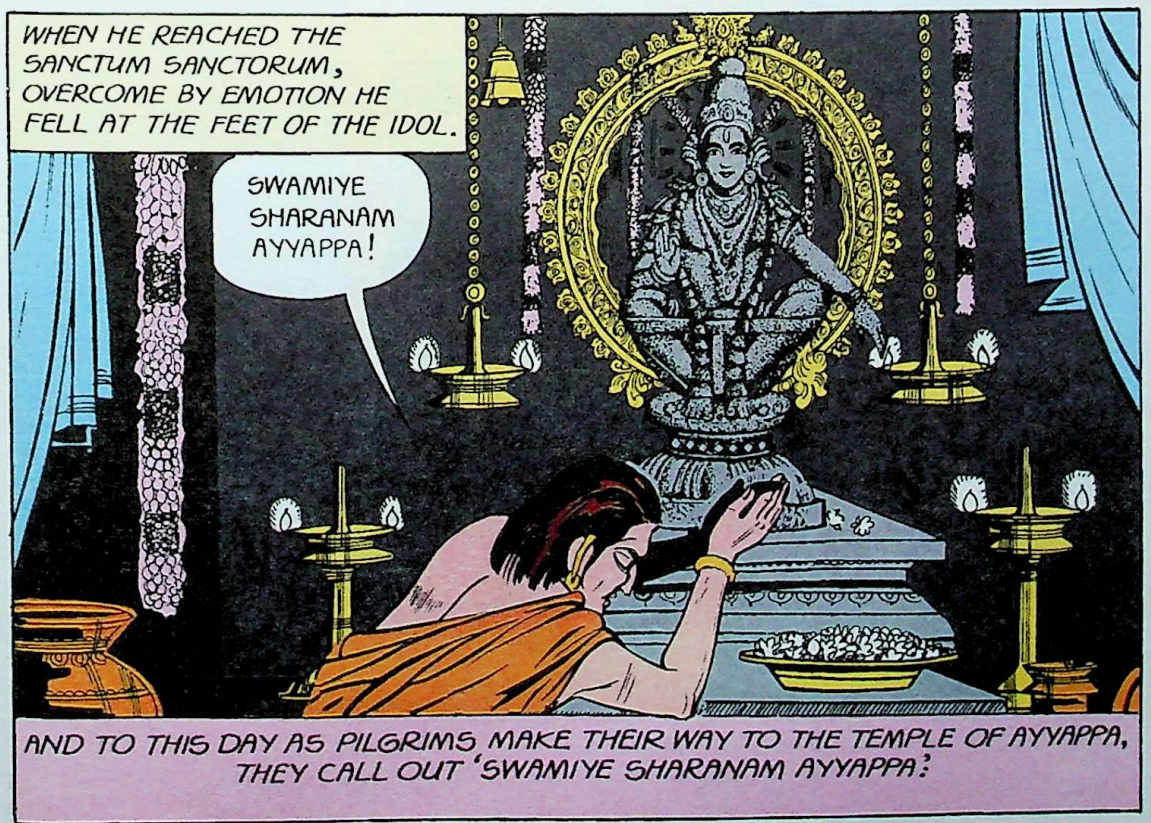

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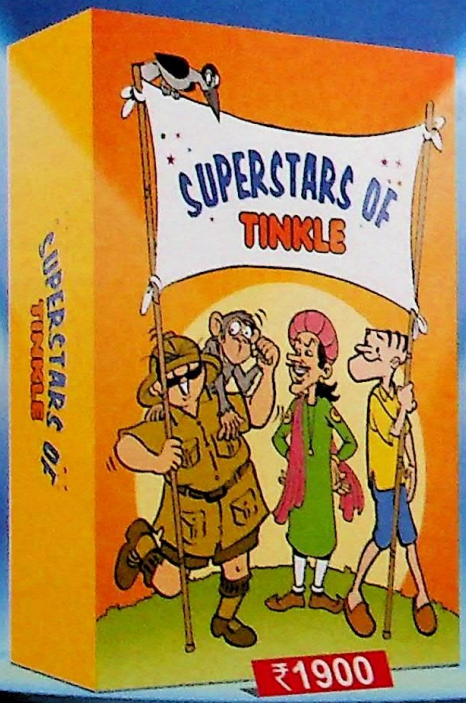

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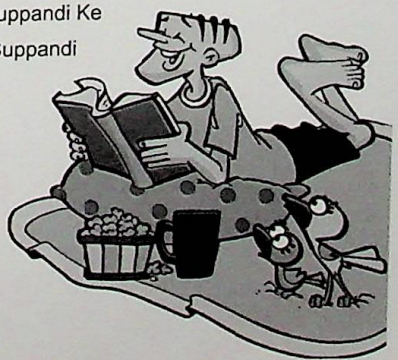

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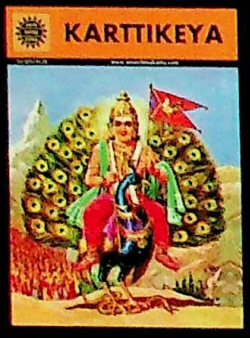

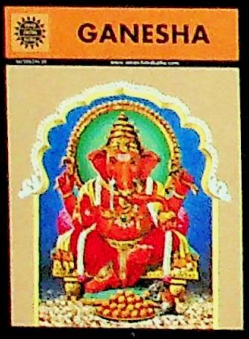

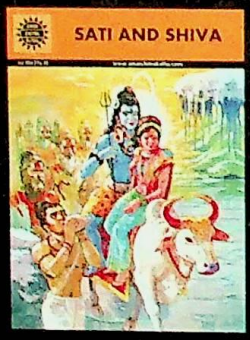

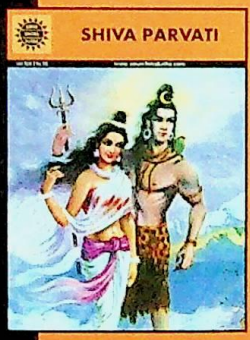

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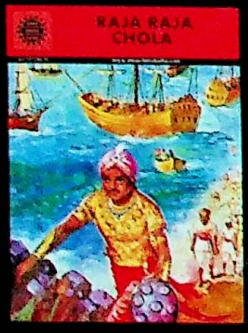

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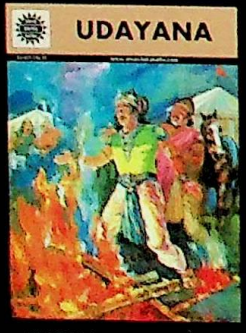

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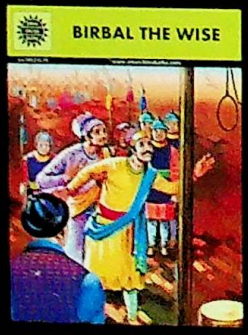

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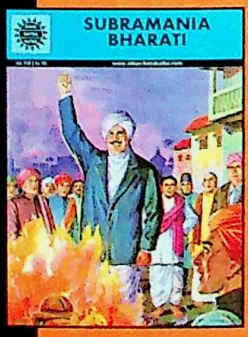

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